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The true proceedings of His Ma^{ties} Armie
At

Notingham.	}	Warwick.
Lichfield.		Coventry.
Tamworth.		Medingham.

VVherein is declared His Majesties ill suc-
cesse in all his enterprises, being repulled by my Lo:
Brooks, and the well affected Protestants of
the severall places above mentioned.

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in this blessed Harvest of Reformation.*



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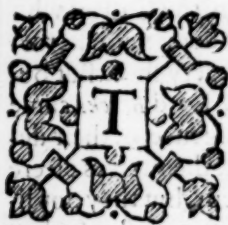
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From Nottingham.



He County of *Nottingham* seem
 to be much discontented, that
 His Majesty makes their
 Countrey a seat for war, inso-
 much as they afford him nor
 his followers any thing that
 they can with safety deny: the
 of: The Cavaliers having lately used the well-
 affected party very barbarously, seizing their
 goods, especially sheepe and calves, with all sorts
 of provisions, which makes men that have power
 to stand upon their guard, and to seeke that by
 foule, which faire meanes cannot prevaile. Ma-
 ny houses the Cavaliers have plaudred, which
 causeth the Countrey generally to hate them.

they long for the arrivall of his Excellence the Earle of *Essex*, with whom tis thought they mean to joyne, and then they will cry downe with the Cavaliers.

From Warwicke.

ON the Fast Eve, Prince *Robert*, Mr. *Hastings* and the Cavaliers came against *Warwicke*, but at their arrivall Sr. *Edward Peto* gave them a very scurvy entertainment, giving them five shots to congratulate their welcome, but they were so pleased therewith, that Mr. *Hastings* swore Damn him, Sir *Edward Peto* was a Divill of a Roundhead; many waies they endeavoured to gaine the Castle pressing to gaine the Bridge, but were bravely repulst by the well affected party of the Towne, by the assistance of Sr. *Edward* from the Castle, who playd with his Ordnance upon them verie fiercely, doing great execution at every shot. But before the Skirmish was ended my Lord *Brooks* came with his men having had intelligence of their designe, and before they could get themselves cleere of the Castle, he fell upon them, but they not liking his company, made away as fast as they could, certaine poore men were slaine, others wounded, and Prince *Robert* in great fear of being taken.

From Litchfield.

THE Cavaliers have made a petty randevous that towne consisting of an abundance of de-
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boist drunken fellowes, by reason of the Colledge that harbours them, by which meanes many of the townesmen have suffered many oppressions (namely their Armes taken away by the Cavaliers) but they having cleered the towne of them are now in a pretty posture of defence, by which meanes they have opposed them and kept them out of the towne.

Coventry.

Coventry stands fast to the Parliament, being strongly fortified, and most of the Inhabitants well affected people, and though the Cavaliers have endeavoured by many stratagems and plots to gain the Towne, yet they have been valiantly repulst, and been forced to retreat with losse.

My Lord *Brookes* has a speciall eye to this place and watches the Cavaliers in all their proceedings, their only aim being to gain the Citie by reason that it is rich and well fortified.

Severall tumults has been of late raised in the Towne by severall deboysh fellowes, that pretend themselves for the King, which being suppressed by the Sherifs, was turned out of the Gates, to seecke their lodgings in a Hay-cock.

From Tamworth.

The Cavaliers had possessed themselves of *Tamworth*, doing many outrages on severall persons, which caused the town to send privately to *Adderston*, *Non-Eaton*, and other adjoyning

towns, desiring them to come into their assistance: which they did accordingly. For in the night they (to the number of 4000. well armed) stole upon the towne; at whose arrivall the Allarum being given, the towne rose with them, seizing on such Armes as the Cavaliers had left carelessly being drunke, and disordered, by which meanes they redeemed the towne, took many of the Cavaliers prisoners, killed others, to the great joy of the towne, and sorrow of the malignant party.

Medingham.

THe Cavaliers having beene so bravely defeated at Tamworth, made head again, and went up against Medingham, a little Towne but very populous, intending to secure themselves, or at least to redeeme what they had lost at Tamworth, but their hopes proved cleane contrary, for in stead of getting what they expected, they lost more then before, for the inhabitants of the Towne having notice of their behaviour at Tamworth, and knowledg that they were driven from thence, put themselves into a posture of defence, for feare that they should come against them, and as they feared so it happened: for had they not prevented them by a timely fear, they had had cause to fear, and curse their untimely neglect.

The Cavaliers come confidently upon the Towne, never dreaming of any danger, but instantly at their arival at the entry of the Town, they met with such a welcome, that some of them lay tumbling on the Ground, and the rest ran away

way with a powder, leaving their friends behind to enquire the cause of their scurvie entertainment.

Thus it hath pleased God to blesse us in our proceedings, to the great encouragement of all the distressed Israelites in this part of the Kingdome.

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Three Motives or Encouragements

for all those that are or ought to be Labourers in this harvest of *Reformation*.

BEfore I begin, I will declare what enemies thou art to fight with, and the cause why they are thy enemies, since the perfect knowledge of the justice of thy cause gives great encouragement to the action, and alwayes crownes the actor with a wreath of glory.

The enemies thou art to fight withall, are Court Parasites, Papists, both Gentry and Laick, Prelates, and their adherents, the Courts, and Ministers of the Law, who have abused the Law, selling Justice to the adversary, and betraying the poore innocent to ruine and destruction; Projectors and Monopolisers, who for private gain have robbed thee of thy liberty: So that betweene the Prelate and the Projector, thou enjoyedst but the tythe, to whom the whole did belong.

These actions of theirs made them labour to disaffect the King to Parliaments; but the necessity of the King, and the grievous oppressions that lay heavy upon the Kingdome, enforced the calling of a Parliament, which was no sooner called, but dissolved: A second Parliament
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was likewise enforced, which being assembled, they did likewise endeavour to dissolve: but God being stronger then they, wrought for us, and turned their plots upon themselves, strengthening the Parliament in a miraculous manner; that they misflood all their plots and stratagems from the beginning to this day.

And now having failed in all their attempts, they have now laid all at the stake, waging war against God and his Church, in which war they have almost involved this whole Kingdome, if God stand not for us, for against all there is none to rise up, but onely the poore Protestant, armed with the justice of his cause, Religion and Law, in defense of which every one that would desire to be a Citizen of Jerusalem must valiantly venture his life and fortune, against the usurping Romans abroad, and the seditious Jewes at home.

Let these three motives be as so many spurs to prick you forward to this service.

1. Your Religion (which is Gods cause) lies at stake.
2. The King and his posterity run an equall hazard.
3. The Laws of the Land, liberty of the Subject, nay, the very being of the Kingdome, are utterly in danger of subversion, should this Malignant party get the upper hand. Therefore let us all with one accord put on the Armour of righteousness with the breast-plate of faith, and then doubtlesse God will fight with us, and if we lose our lives in this cause we may joyfully say with Saint Paul, We have fought a good fight, wee have finished our course, and in heaven wee shall receive a Crowne of glory.

